

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S! Please sign our Friendship Register with your name and address. A nursery is provided for children through age 4 for both worship services and for infants and toddlers during Sunday School. As you exit the narthex, the nursery is located down the hall on the right side. Restroom facilities are located on the left side. First Aid, Emergency Equipment and a wheelchair are located on the right by the stairwell. If for any reason you must leave the sanctuary, the service is live streamed in the Men's Sunday school classroom. Any usher will be glad to direct you.

Sunday school classes are provided for 18 month olds through adults. Listening devices and larger print bulletins are located in the narthex. Ushers are also available to assist you.

Children's bags and activity sheets can be found in the "Kid's Corner" of the narthex.

GATHERING MUSIC "Variations on I'll Praise My Maker" Joyce Jones

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PRELUDE "Borning Cry" Arr. Aaron David Miller

(8:30) LITURGY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(We Stand)

(11:00) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

A reading from Romans: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (*Romans 6:3-5*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through + Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(We Sit)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 1



They are like trees plant-ed by streams of wa-ter.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(We Stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(We Sit)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Pat

SERMON

Pastor Pat

(We Stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Canticle of the Turning"

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.
You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.
Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.
Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

(11:00) THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(We Sit)

OFFERING

Anthem "Blest are They" David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! *Refrain*

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me. Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom, shine for all to see. *Refrain*

(We Stand)

OFFERTORY SONG

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

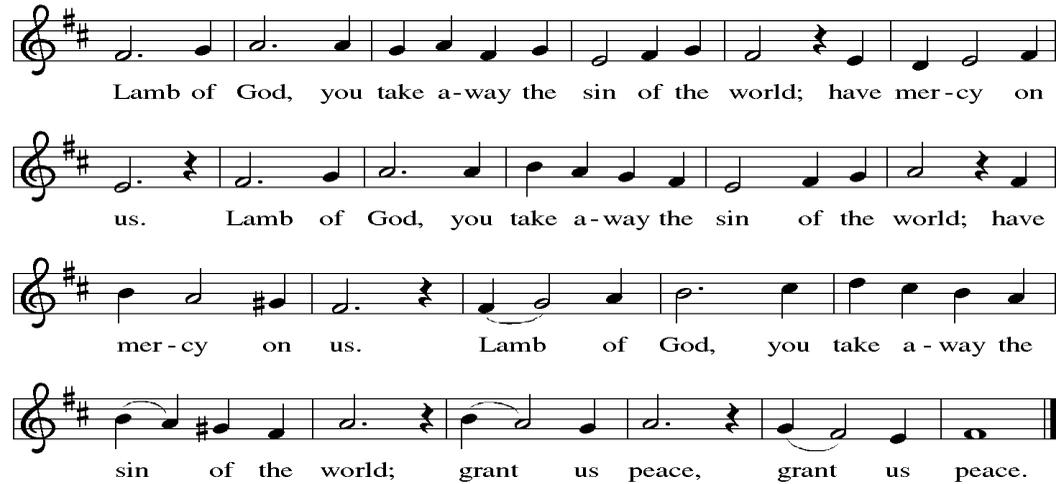
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)
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AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion this morning at the center aisle. Communion will be brought to the front pews for those who wish to remain seated. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured of our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone.

Communion Music "Strengthen for Service" John C. Ylvisaker

The Congregation is encouraged to participate in the following Communion Hymn.
The hymn can be found in the back portion of the **LBW (Green)** Hymnal in your pew rack.

Communion Hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" LBW 316

(We Stand)

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

God the Father who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the life-giving Spirit who shines on you, + bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen-tle
2 What gain is there in anx-ious weep-ing, in help-less
3 The Lord our rest-less hearts is hold-ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing, of-fer your
hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be-
an-ger and dis-tress? If you are in your Sav-ior's
qui-et-ness con-tent. We rest in God's good will un-
ser-vice faith-ful-ly. Trust heav-en's word; though un-de-
side you when cross-es come, in try-ing days. Trust then in
keep-ing, in sor-row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold-ing, what wis-dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv-ing, you'll find God's prom-ise true to be. This is our
God's un-chang-ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev-'ry loss.
cho-sen us by grace, knows ver-y well the fears we face.
con-fi-dence in-deed: God nev-er fails in time of need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Arr. Johann Walther

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SERVING TODAY: Council Person for February: Missy Moore

Ushers: (8:30) Odie Rawl, Vernon Hester, Bill Carroll, Ivan Black, Aaron Rawl, Pat Bowen, and Eric Wessinger;

(11:00) Ken Mathews, Alon Cox, Randy Huber, Rick Swaffield, and Roy Welch

Greeters: (8:30) Jeanette and Randal Ford; (11:00) Ed and Terry Smith

Readers: (8:30) Neil Brown; (11:00) Becky Sons

Order of St. Stephen's: (8:30) [A] Andrew Tworzyanski [C] Carlee Tworzyanski; (11:00) [A] Sullivan Hayes [C] Jack Hayes

Nursery: (8:30) Lauren and Jon Taylor; (11:00) Sharon and John Mackintosh

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Mrs. Sylvia Looney, Organist Emeritus

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**Sixth Sunday
After The Epiphany**

February 17, 2019

Sunday School Information:

Locations for Children’s Classes

Locations for Adult Classes

8:30 & 11:00AM

Nursery – Room #105	Saints & Sinners with Pastor Jason – Chapel (Upstairs in Family Life Center)
2 & 3 year olds – Room #103	
4 year olds & 5K – Room #205	Men’s Sunday School – Men’s Classroom (Downstairs)
1st & 2nd Grade – Room # 201	
3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade – Room #216	Agape Adult Class - Room #207
6th, 7th, and 8th Grade – Room #212	
9th – 12th Grade – Room #217	